



EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 24, 2022
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the October 7, 2021, meeting](#)

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY

10:05 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regarding:

- An [update](#) on enrollment and state school aid to be provided during the 2021-23 biennium;
- High-cost students, including students who are high cost due to special education needs, medical reasons, agency placements, or any other reasons that increase the cost to educate the students beyond the state threshold;
- A history of the fiscal impact of student placement on state school aid and special education contract expenditures;
- [Uses](#) of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds allocated to school districts, including the percentage of those funds expended to date in various categories determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and uses of discretionary federal ESSER funds appropriated to DPI; and
- Career counselors, including how career counselors have been funded in the past and whether federal COVID-19 funding may be available to offset the one-time cost of counselor training, a review of the utilization of current career counseling programs, and educational time dedicated to counseling programs

10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of a behavioral health provider regarding school districts' behavioral health challenges and services

11:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 noon Recess

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDY

1:00 p.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding:

- The department's budget and career and technical education course cost reimbursement at schools and area career and technical centers and any new and expanding secondary programs; and
- An update on the use of \$88.3 million of one-time funding anticipated to be received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 from the federal Coronavirus

Capital Projects Fund (\$68.3 million) and from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (\$20 million) for a statewide area career center initiative grant program

1:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

2:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DPI of a [compilation](#) of annual school district employee compensation reports pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-02-13

2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DPI of an annual [report](#) regarding the financial condition of school districts pursuant to Section 15.1-02-09

2:50 p.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of DPI and the Information Technology Department regarding an update on the status of information technology project upgrades to the state automated reporting system and the statewide longitudinal data system

3:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities

3:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Jay R. Elkin, Erin Oban, David S. Rust, Michael A. Wobbema
Representatives: Ron Guggisberg, Donald Longmuir, David Monson, Mark S. Owens, Denton Zubke

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